

RAPID THERMAL PROCESSING OF CZOCHRALSKI SILICON SUBSTRATES: DEFECTS, DENUDED ZONES, AND MINORITY CARRIER LIFETIME

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Rapid Thermal Processing of Czochralski Silicon: Objectives

To evaluate rapid thermal processing as a viable procedure for:

1. Czochralski substrate modification using high temperature defect-dissolution treatments,
2. Rapid junction activation following ion implantation

Diagnostic Tools

1. MOS Capacitor -- minority carrier lifetime
2. X-Ray Topography -- defect delineation
3. Nomarski Optical Microscopy & Preferential Chemical Etching -- defect delineation
4. Fourier Transform Infrared Microscopy -- oxygen precipitation kinetics

Metal Oxide Semiconductor Capacitor - C

1. Capacitance-voltage (C-V) measurements
2. Capacitance-time (C-t) measurements
3. C-V, C-t measurements at different temperatures T
4. Minority carrier generation and recombination lifetime (τ_g and τ_r)

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PROCESSING

Change of Inversion Layer Charge Density with Time

$$\frac{dn_s}{dt} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{n_i (W - W_F)}{\tau_g} + n_i s \right)}_A + \underbrace{\left(\frac{n_i^2 D_n}{N_A L_n} \right)}_B$$

Room temperature $A \gg B$ (Zerbst, 1966)

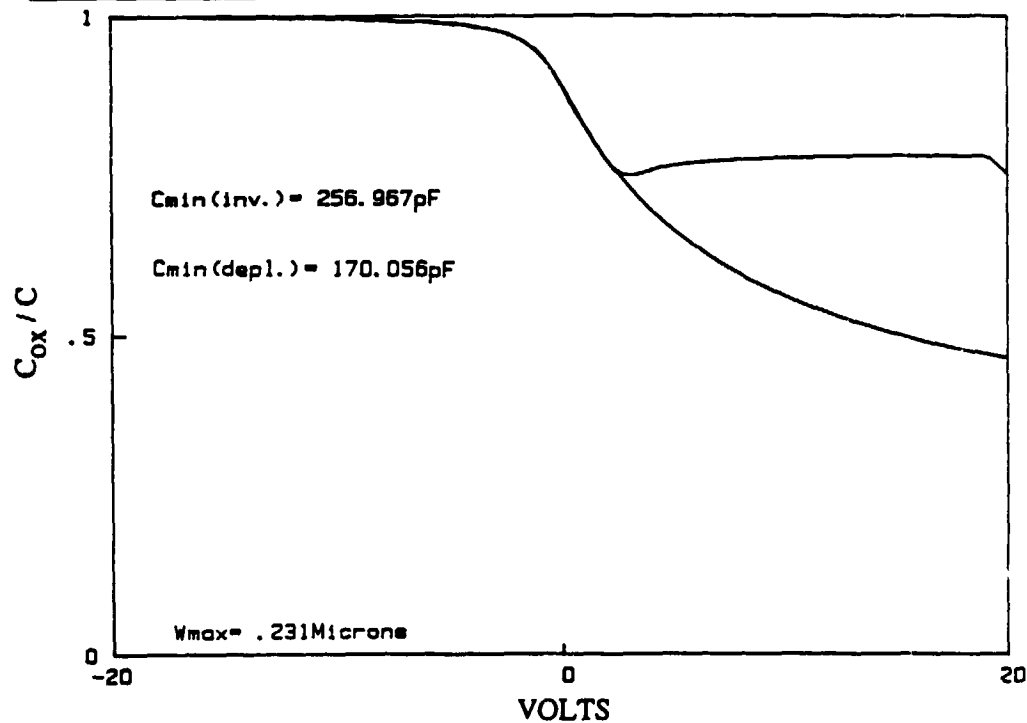
Elevated temperature $A \ll B$ (Schroder, 1984)

- n_s - inversion layer charge density
- W_F - final space charge region width
- W - space charge width
- n_i - intrinsic carrier density
- D_n - diffusion constant
- L_n - diffusion length
- N_A - substrate doping concentration
- τ_g - generation lifetime
- s - surface recombination velocity
- τ_r - recombination lifetime ($\tau_r = L_n^2/D_n$)

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Capacitance Versus Voltage (Sample Y2)

Cox= 340.278pF	Cfb= 327.203pF	
Cmin/Cmax= .755	Cfb/Cox= .962	Qss= 2.272E+11ions/cm ²
Area= 7.58528E-03cm ²	Vfb(0)= -1.738Volts	Sample number = Y2
Naub= 1.96658E+17cm ⁻³	Vt= 4.374Volts	



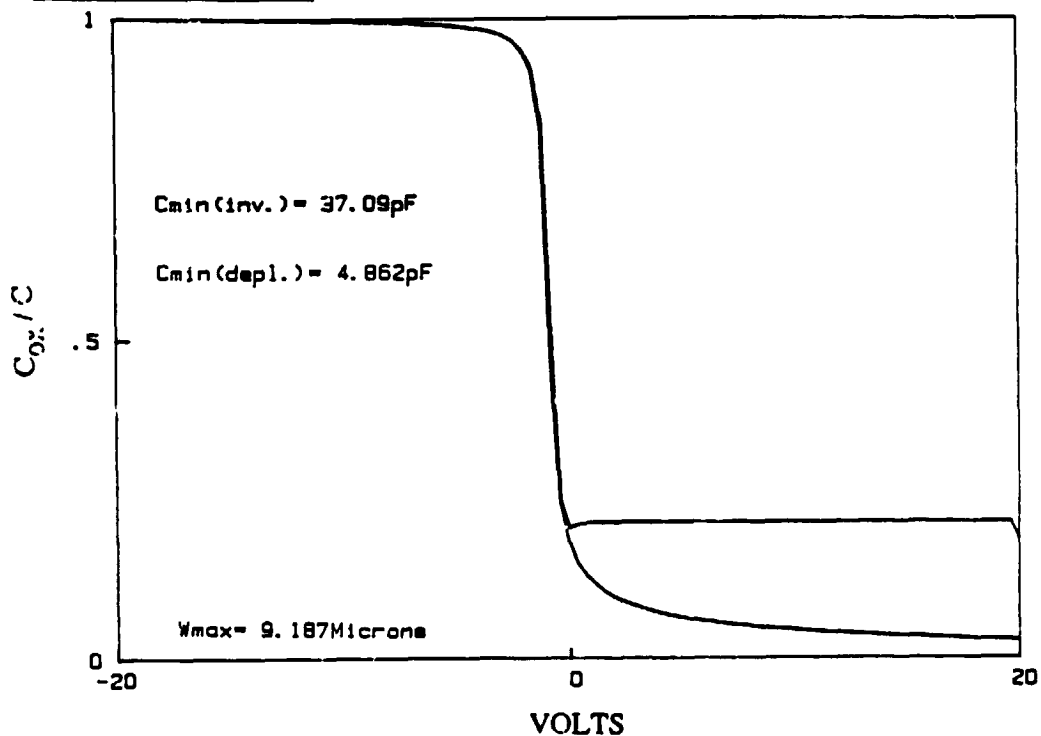
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Capacitance Versus Voltage (Sample Z27)

$C_{ox} = 198.3 \text{ pF}$
 $C_{min}/C_{max} = .187$
 $A_{rea} = .0044204 \text{ cm}^2$
 $N_{aub} = 7.213 \text{ E}+14 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

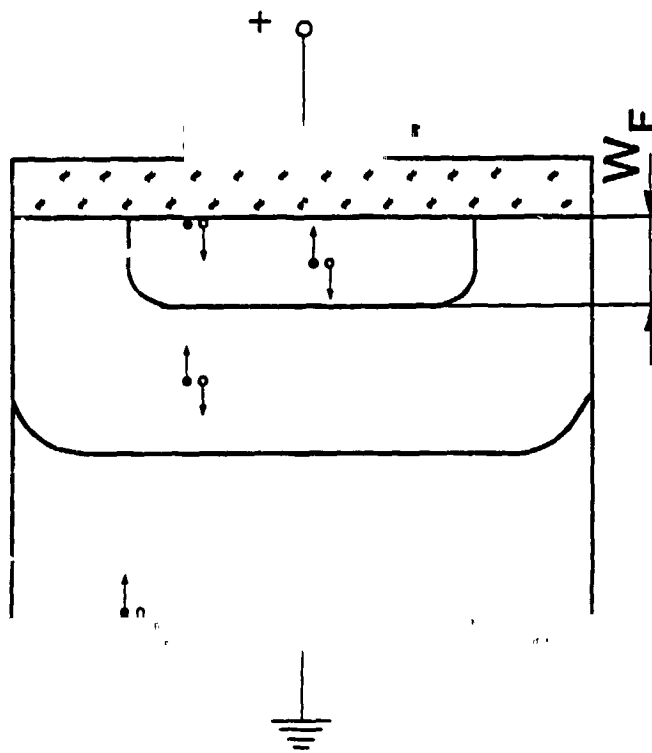
$C_{fb} = 119.474 \text{ pF}$
 $C_{fb}/C_{ox} = .602$
 $V_{fb(0)} = -.912 \text{ Volts}$
 $V_t = -.091 \text{ Volts}$

$Q_{ss} = 3.66 \text{ E}+10 \text{ ions/cm}^2$
Sample number = Z27



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Zerbst Analysis (Room Temperature)



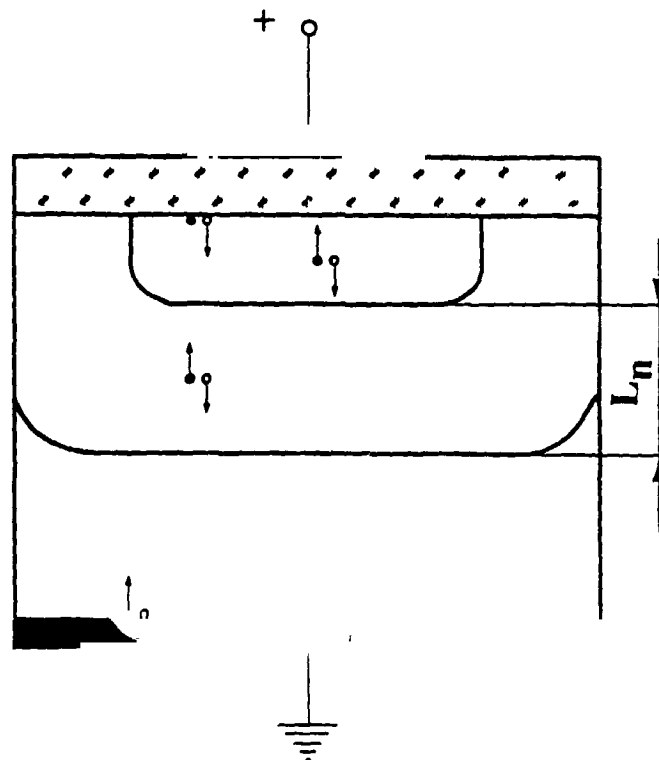
$$\frac{-d(C_{ox}/C)}{dt} \text{ vs } \frac{C_F}{C-1}$$

$\tau_g \propto \text{slope}$

$s \propto \text{intercept}$

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Schroder Analysis (Elevated Temperature)



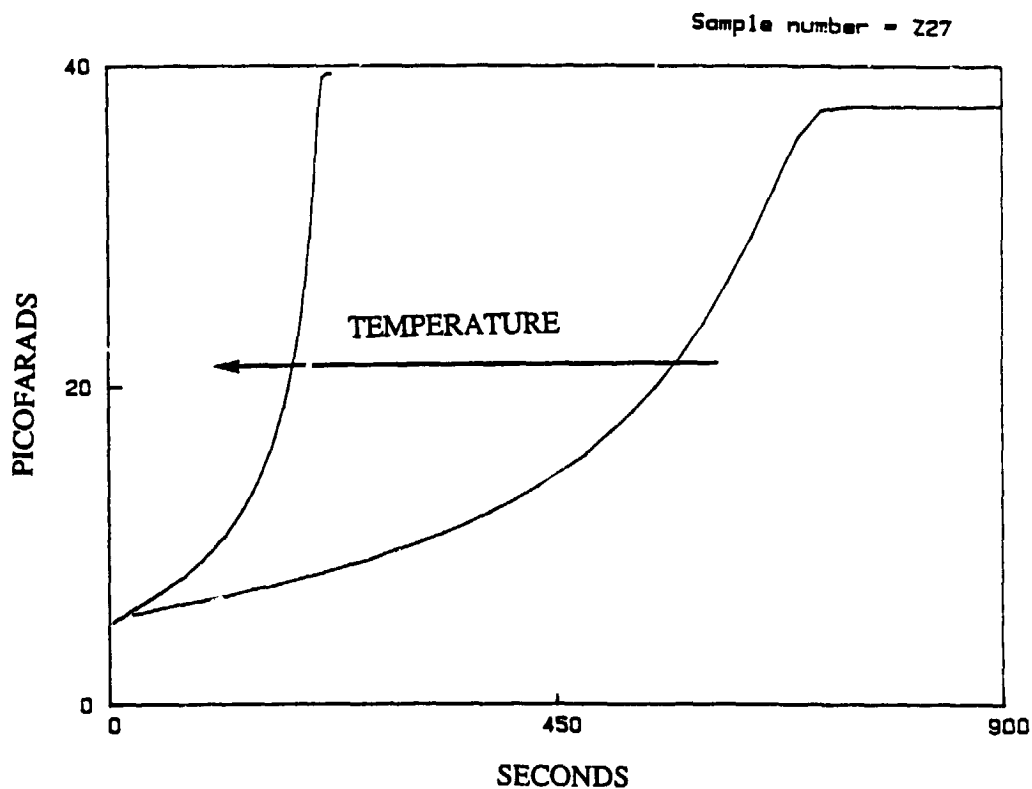
$1 - (C_F/C)^2$ vs time

$$\tau_r \propto L_n^2$$

$$L_n \propto \text{slope}$$

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Capacitance Versus Time (Sample Z27)



X-Ray Topography

1. X - Ray Source: Marconi-Elliot GX-21
(15kW, Rotating anode)
2. Cameras: - Lang Transmission
- Double Crystal
3. Sample treatment conditions:
 - i. Virgin
 - ii. Lo-Hi + RTP combination
 - iii. Li decoration

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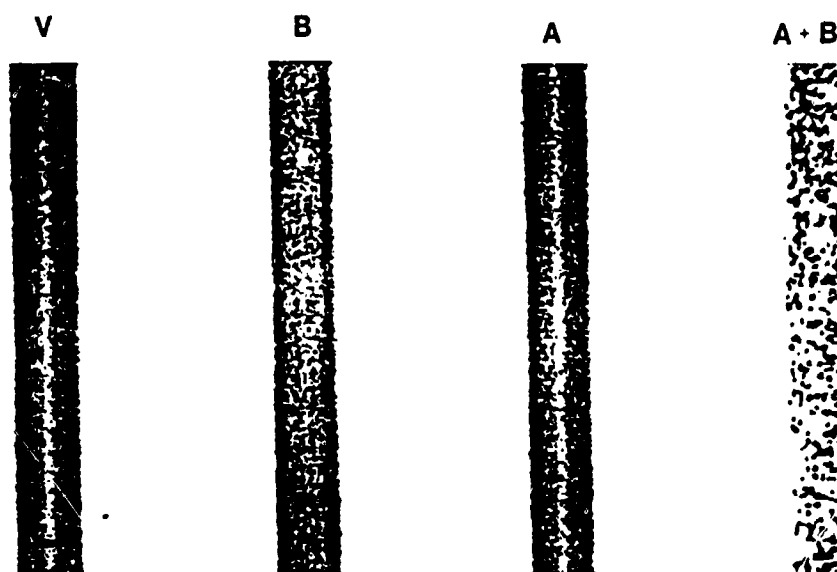
Surface Recombination Velocity/X-Ray Topography

MoK α 220 X30

V: Virgin

A: 700°C / 16 h dry O₂ + 0.0425HCL

B: 1100°C / 10 min dry O₂ + 60 min wet O₂ + 10 min dry O₂



Nomarski Optical Microscopy and Preferential Chemical Etching

Etchant: Secco

Observation: 1. Depth of denuded zone (DZ)
2. Density and size of oxygen precipitates, stacking faults and dislocation.

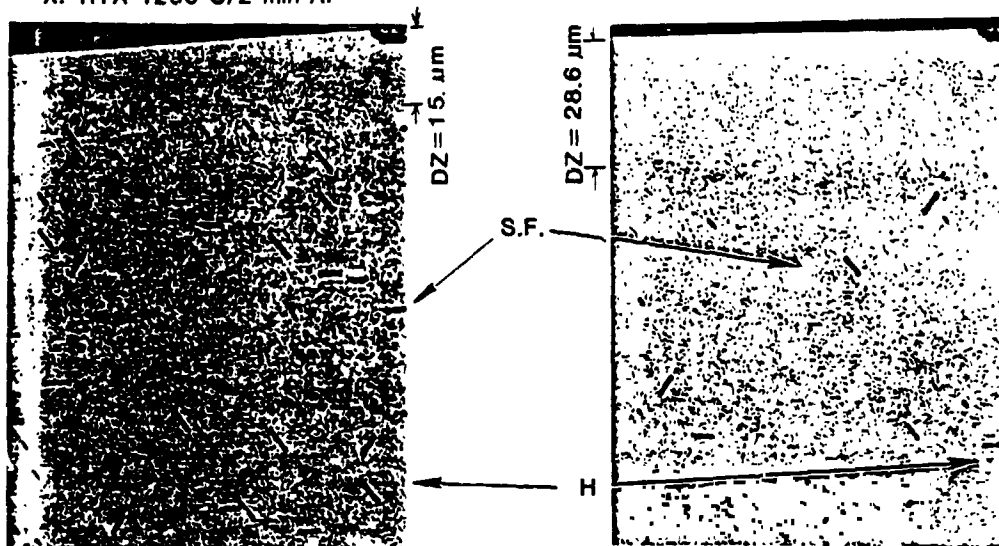
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P: 700°C/16h dry O₂+2% HCl+1100°C/(10min: dry+65min wet+10min)O₂+2% HCl
+1100°C/15min dry O₂+2% HCl

V: Virgin

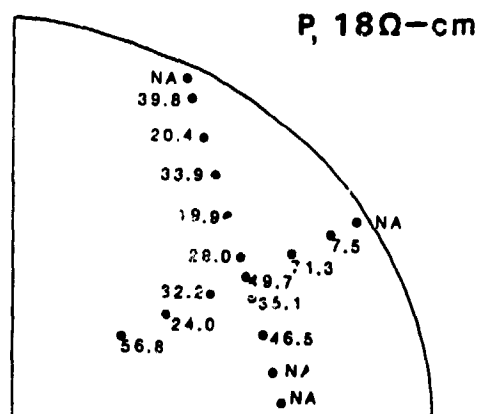
X: RTA 1200°C/2 min Ar



V + P

X + P

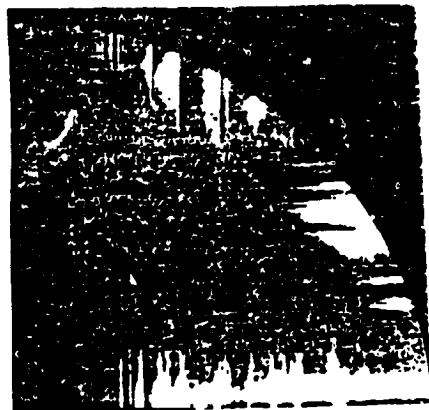
Minority Carrier Lifetime (Units in μ s)



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Heat Treatment

RTP(1200°C/2min) in Ar
+1100°C/(10min dry+65min wet+10min dry)O₂



Heat Treatment of Samples

- A : 700°C/16h dry O₂ + 2% HCl
- B : 1100°C/(10 min dry+65 min wet+10 min dry)O₂ + 2% HCl
- C : 1100°C/15 min dry O₂

- V : Virgin
- X : RTP 1200°C/2 min in Ar
- Y : 1200°C/30 min in Ar
- Z : 1250°C/30 min in dry O₂ + 2% HCl
- w : 1250°C/30 min in Ar

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Arrays of Heat Treatments

	C	A+C	B+C	A+B+C
V	V+C	V+A+C	V+B+C	V+A+B+C
X	X+C	X+A+C	X+B+C	X+A+B+C
Y	Y+C	Y+A+C	Y+B+C	Y+A+B+C
Z	Z+C	Z+A+C	Z+B+C	Z+A+B+C
W	W+C	W+A+C	W+B+C	W+A+B+C

Heat Treatment of Samples

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V : Virgin

X : RTP 1200°C/2 min in Ar

Y : 1200°C/30 min in Ar

Z : 1250°C/30 min in dry O₂
+ 2% HCl

W: 1250°C/30 min in Ar

C

A + C

B + C

A + B + C

Minority Carrier Lifetime (τ_g , μs)

	V+C	X+C	X+A+B+C
Group Z1	111.0	15.6	83.8
Group Z2	57.5	85.7	159.0
	V+C	Z+C	Z+A+B+C